

PRICE OF TEA

456. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) by how much the price of tea per lb., has increased during the last 6 months;

(b) why is it that the Government is not trying to control the price of tea?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Minister for Revenue*):

(a) The Price of dust teas for the Indian Market for the week ending 22nd June 1946 was 22.50 annas per lb. and for the week ending 18th January 1947 is 26.17 annas per lb. It has been increased by 3.67 annas.

(b) If controlled, Government of Cochin will lose much revenue from the taxation on profits. The price of tea in the Indian Market is governed by the Calcutta auctions and the imposition of control price in Cochin State will result in tea dealers ceasing to operate in Cochin State if they are unable to sell teas at the same price as in British India.

ERUMAPETTY REGISTRY OFFICE—JURISDICTION REGARDING

457. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what all villages come under the jurisdiction of the newly established Erumapetty Registry Office;

(b) how many villages that were originally under the old Pazhanji Registry Office, were added to the Erumapetty Registry Office;

(c) what is the shortest distance from the boundary of the Erumapetty Registry Office's jurisdiction to the place where Pazhanji Registry Office is situated;

(d) which will be the central place of the area now under the jurisdiction of the Pazhanji Registry Office?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (*Minister for Public Works*):

(a) Kariyannur, Kadangode, Vellattanjur, Thayyur, Tichur, Pulakkad, Kottapuram, Nelluvaya, Eyyal, Vellarakkad and Chiranellur.

(b) Only one village i. e., Vellarakkad.

(c) Five miles.

(d) The Registry Office is situated almost in the central place of the area now under the jurisdiction of the Pazhanji Registry Office. The actual central place may be in the Karikkad village about a mile to the west of the present Registry Office.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT—REORGANISATION OF

458. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ജനകീയഭരണത്തിലേക്കു വിട്ടുകിട്ടിയ ശേഷം ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ വകുപ്പിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിൽ വല്ല പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളും വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഈ വകുപ്പിന്റെ പരിഷ്കരണം സംബന്ധിച്ച പത്രപ്രവർത്തകന്മാർ മന്ത്രിക്ക് നൽകിയ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഉവ്വ്.

(ബി) നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ അനുസരിച്ചു പരിഷ്കരണങ്ങൾ നടത്തിവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

TAHSILDARS—APPOINTMENT OF

459. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many Tahsildars' vacancies have been filled up by appointing Officers from other departments during the last 10 years;

(b) which are the departments from which those appointments were made?

CLC V—2a

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Minister for Revenue):

(a) 23 Tahsildars' vacancies.

Names of the Officers appointed

1. Mr. K. C. Peter.
2. M. Kochunni Menon.
3. K. Kunjunni Marar.
4. C. Balakrishna Menon.
5. C. Raghava Kaimal.
6. A. Anantha Rama Ayyar.
7. P. L. Joseph.
8. A. R. Subramania Avvar.
9. V. K. Kunjitty Ezhuthassan.
10. P. S. Venkiteswara Ayyar.
11. V. K. Gopala Menon.

Names of the Officers appointed

12. P. J. Mathew.
13. P. Pankajaksha Menon.
14. M. V. Sangameswara Ayyar.
15. V. Kunhikrishnan.
16. T. R. Subramania Ayyar.
17. K. Gopala Achari.
18. T. V. Rama Ayyar.
19. P. Krishna Menon.
20. K. P. Ramavarma Thirupad.
21. K. V. John.
22. K. R. Viswambharan.
23. K. H. Muhamad.

(b) Nos. 1 and 3 from Education Department.

No. 18 from Public Works Department.

No. 22 Recruited from the Bar.

No. 4 from Income-Tax Department.

No. 15 from Excise Department.

No. 8 from Judicial Department.

No. 9 from Registration Department.

Nos. 10, 14, 16, 19 and 20 from Devaswam Department.

Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21 and 23 from the Huzur Secretariat.

Of these Numbers 6, 11 and 20 were originally in the Revenue Department.

TRADE DISPUTE—COCHIN SAW MILL WORKERS' UNION AND INDIAN TRADE AND AGENCIES

460. **Mr. P. T. Jacob (Latin Christians-Mattancheri):** Will Government be please state.—

(a) is the Government aware that a Trade dispute has arisen between the "Cochin Saw Mill Workers' Union and the management of the "Indian Trade and Agencies" by the discharge of 43 workers of the said company without notice; if so, what had the Government done in the matter;

(b) is the Government aware that the picketing is resorted to by the discharged workers; if so, what does the Government intend to do to restore the rights of the workers for notice of discharge according to the Factory Act as existing in our State?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education):

(a) Yes. But the dispute has been settled already. The Government intervened and brought about a settlement of the dispute.

(b) There was picketing by the discharged workers. Factory Act does not accord any right in lieu of notice.

JAGGERY—PRICE OF

461. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty (Commerce and Industry):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the cost price of different varieties of jaggery purchased this year by Government from Chittur Taluk;

(b) at what price is such jaggery sold in the Fair Price Shops;

(c) whether Government make any profit out of it?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education):

(a) The purchase price of jaggery in Chittur has been fixed as follows.—

First Quality	Rs. 25	0	0	per Cwt. net.
2nd	Rs. 23	10	0	"
3rd	Rs. 22	4	0	"

(b) Re. 0-4-0 per pound up to 20th Vrischigam 1122, and Rs. 0-4-3 per pound thereafter.

(c) No.